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- The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced March 12 that over 3,000 victims have lost \$15.5 million in a tax scheme in which scammers claiming to be IRS agents call taxpayers stating they owe taxes, convincing them to pay. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- A semi-truck carrying approximately 42,000 pounds of Triazine overturned on U.S. Highway 40 on Rabbit Ears Pass in Colorado, spilling nearly its entire load and shutting down the highway for over 7 hours March 12-March 13. – *Steamboat Springs Pilot & Today* (See item [3](#))
- The Kansas Department of Agriculture instituted quarantine in two Kansas counties March 12 in response to recently confirmed cases of H5N2 highly pathogenic avian influenza near Asbury, Missouri, and in northwest Arkansas. – *KCUR 89.3 FM Kansas City* (See item [8](#))
- The San Jacinto River Authority reported that 300,000 gallons of household wastewater spilled March 11 from a collapsed manhole and entered a nearby drainage ditch in The Woodlands, Texas. – *Woodlands Villager* (See item [9](#))

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *March 13, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Improperly disposed radioactive oil field waste found in ND.** North Dakota Division of Waste Management officials discovered up to 100 filter socks used to strain liquids in the oil production process illegally stored in a facility used by Green Diamond Environmental Trucking Services, LLC near Williston March 12. Cleanup is scheduled to begin March 13.
Source: <http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2015/mar/13/improperly-disposed-radioactive-oil-field-waste-found-in-nd/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Financial Services Sector

2. *March 12, Associated Press* – (National) **Fake IRS agents target 366,000 in massive tax scam.** An official at the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced March 12 that over 3,000 victims have lost \$15.5 million in a tax scam targeting over 366,000 nationwide, in which scammers purporting to be Internal Revenue Service agents call taxpayers claiming that they owe taxes and must pay or risk arrest, deportation, or the loss of a business or driver's license. Two individuals in Florida have been arrested in connection to the scheme.
Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/fake-irs-agents-target-366-000->

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Transportation Systems Sector

3. *March 13, Steamboat Springs Pilot & Today* – (Colorado) **Tanker rollover closes U.S. Highway 40 on Rabbit Ears Pass.** A semi-truck carrying approximately 42,000 pounds of Triazine, a hazardous liquid chemical, overturned on U.S. Highway 40 on Rabbit Ears Pass spilling nearly its entire load and shutting down the highway for over 7 hours March 12-March 13 while a HAZMAT crew responded to the scene. Officials were notified of the spill and the cause of the crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.steamboattoday.com/news/2015/mar/12/tanker-rollover-closes-us-highway-40-rabbit-ears-p/>
4. *March 12, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Plane makes emergency landing at Sunport after windshield cracks.** A US Airways plane headed from Phoenix to Philadelphia made an emergency landing March 12 at the Albuquerque Sunport in New Mexico due to a cracked windshield midflight. The plane landed safely and the 170 passengers were put on another flight.
Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/s3732808.shtml>
5. *March 12, Central Florida News 13* – (Florida) **Big rig crash closes I-95 southbound for 6 hours in Volusia.** An overturned semi-truck prompted the 6-hour closure of Interstate 95 southbound in Volusia County March 12 after sheet rock and oil from the semi-truck's load were spilled onto the roadway forcing crews to clear the scene before reopening the lanes.
Source:
http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/3/12/i-95_crash_scottsmoor.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

6. *March 13, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Bon Appetizers, LLC recalls products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** Lakewood-based Bon Appetizers, LLC, issued a recall March 12 for about 10,429 pounds of chicken products for misbranding after the company was notified by its spice provider that cumin contained in the products may have been contaminated with undeclared peanut allergens. The products were distributed for food service and institutional use in Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, and Texas.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-042-2015-release>
7. *March 12, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (North Carolina; Ohio) **L & L Foods recalls bacon bits due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** Wilmington,

Ohio-based L & L Foods issued a recall March 12 for approximately 30,665 pounds of its Uncured Bacon Bits due to mislabeling after discovering that the products contained soy lecithin, an undeclared allergen. The products were shipped to manufacturers in North Carolina and Ohio for processing into salad kits.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-043-2015-release>

8. ***March 13, KCUR 89.3 FM Kansas City*** – (Kansas) **Avian influenza prompts poultry quarantine in southeast Kansas.** The Kansas Department of Agriculture instituted a quarantine in Crawford and Cherokee counties March 12 in response to recently confirmed cases of H5N2 highly pathogenic avian influenza near Asbury, Missouri and in northwest Arkansas. The quarantine requires an official permit to move live poultry or poultry products in and out of the designated zones, and officials have been dispatched for surveillance.

Source: <http://kcur.org/post/avian-influenza-prompts-poultry-quarantine-southeast-kansas>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

9. ***March 12, Woodlands Villager*** – (Texas) **300K gallons of wastewater spill out in The Woodlands.** The San Jacinto River Authority reported that 300,000 gallons of household wastewater spilled March 11 from a collapsed manhole and entered a nearby drainage ditch in The Woodlands, Texas, prompting crews to install bypass pumping equipment and clear out the wastewater, soil, and portions of the collapsed concrete manhole in order to make repairs. Officials believe that the spill could have been caused by a failed force main connection and are continuing to investigate.

Source: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/woodlands/news/k-gallons-of-wastewater-spill-out-in-the-woodlands/article_83bda04a-d109-5e3a-9498-2efd7fca347a.html

10. ***March 12, Greensboro News & Record*** – (North Carolina) **18,000 gallons of wastewater discharged into Horse Pen Creek.** A pump station failure caused approximately 18,000 gallons of raw sewage to discharge from a main in Greensboro into Horse Pen Creek March 10. Crews spread lime to treat ground surface areas impacted by the spill.

Source: http://www.news-record.com/news/gallons-of-wastewater-discharged-into-horse-pen-creek/article_a77f993c-c8bd-11e4-85ae-67ee07266fa7.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

11. ***March 13, Bend Bulletin*** – (Oregon) **Mosaic Medical patient records possibly breached.** Mosaic Medical announced March 12 that the personal information of over

2,200 patients may have been accessed after employees discovered a break-in at the Health Information Technology department office in Bend January 15. Officials reported that nothing was stolen from the office but paper documents with medical insurance information, email addresses, and phone numbers could have been accessed. Source: <http://www.bendbulletin.com/home/2970752-151/mosaic-medical-patient-records-possibly-breached>

12. ***March 12, KRON 4 San Francisco*** – (California) **Possible Hepatitis A outbreak in Napa.** Napa County Public Health officials are investigating March 12 after reports of 5 confirmed cases of Hepatitis A in Napa in the last 2 weeks. Two of the cases involved employees from BANK Cafe and Bar and La Toque restaurant, and there are no known cases involving customers.
Source: <http://kron4.com/2015/03/12/possible-hepatitis-a-outbreak-in-napa/>

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Government Facilities Sector

13. ***March 12, WHDH 7 Boston*** – (Massachusetts) **Somerville school to close for 1 month after roof collapse.** A partial roof collapse March 10 prompted officials to close the Brown School in Somerville for one month after the school superintendent notified parents that classes were canceled and the school was blocked off. Inspectors were assessing the damage and the cause of the partial roof collapse, which was attributed to melting snow and ice and weakened wood rafters due to pre-existing partial rotting of the roof.
Source: <http://www.whdh.com/story/28393637/brown-school-closed-in-somerville-after-partial-roof-collapse>
14. ***March 12, KING 5 Seattle*** – (Washington) **100-plus college students exposed to TB face testing.** Public Health-Seattle & King County announced March 12 that nearly 110 students at North Seattle College in Washington will be tested for tuberculosis as a precaution after the school reported that one person was diagnosed with the disease.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/03/12/at-least-100-college-students-tested-after-tb-exposure/70237642/>

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Emergency Services Sector

15. ***March 13, KWTV 9 Oklahoma City*** – (Oklahoma) **One dead, two injured in EagleMed helicopter crash near Lake Eufaula.** One employee was killed while two others were injured March 12 after an EagleMed helicopter crashed near the town of Stidham in McIntosh County, Oklahoma. Authorities are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/28439752/faa-eaglemed-chopper-crashes-near-lake-eufaula>
16. ***March 12, Great Falls Tribune*** – (Montana) **Scabies outbreak at Montana Women's**

Prison. Activities and visitation at Montana Women's Prison in Billings were suspended March 9 while the prison was placed under quarantine due to a scabies outbreak. The prison is undergoing decontamination through March 13 while 34 inmates were reassigned to other units.

Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/local/2015/03/12/scabies-outbreak-montana-womens-prison/70239180/>

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Information Technology Sector

17. *March 13, Softpedia* – (International) **Google leaks Whois data for over 282,000 protected domains.** Cisco Systems' Talos researchers reported to Google that private information such as names, physical and email addresses, and phone numbers belonging to 282,867 domains registered through Google Apps' registrar, eNom, were leaked for nearly two years due to a software defect that did not extend the company's unlisted registration service, potentially exposing them to spam, spear-phishing attacks, or identity theft.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Leaks-Whois-Data-for-Over-282-000-Protected-Domains-475710.shtml>
18. *March 13, Softpedia* – (International) **TeslaCrypt ransomware encrypts files of over 20 games.** Security researchers at Bromium discovered that crypto-ransomware dubbed TeslaCrypt has targeted a total of 185 extensions in over 20 popular games with drive-by attacks through Adobe Flash Player and Internet Explorer exploits dropped by the Angler exploit kit. The malware apparently attempts to pass as the more infamous CryptoLocker, but researchers stated that the two variants only share 8 percent similarity.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/TeslaCrypt-Ransomware-Encrypts-Files-of-Over-20-Games-475738.shtml>
19. *March 13, Securityweek* – (International) **Adobe fixes critical Flash Player vulnerabilities.** Adobe released security updates patching 11 critical flaws, including memory corruption vulnerabilities and type confusions that attackers could leverage for remote code execution to take control of affected systems.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/adobe-fixes-critical-flash-player-vulnerabilities>
20. *March 12, Securityweek* – (International) **Google fixes privilege escalation vulnerabilities in Android 5.1 Lollipop.** Google released fixes in Android 5.1 Lollipop for two serious vulnerabilities in previous versions that could have allowed attackers to use integer overflows leading to heap memory corruptions to gain elevated privileges or cause denial-of-service (DoS) attacks on targeted systems.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-fixes-privilege-escalation-vulnerabilities-android-51-lollipop>
21. *March 12, The Register* – (International) **Forget viruses: Evil USB drive ‘fries laptops with a power surge’.** A Russian security researcher revealed a vulnerability with USB sticks which could potentially overload and damage a PC's sensitive inner electronics by

using an inverted direct current to direct current (DC-DC) converter and some capacitors through a foreign Web site, causing the USB to malfunction.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/03/12/usb_drive_fry_your_laptop/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

22. *March 12, KEYT 3 Santa Barbara* – (California) **40 left homeless following Santa Maria apartment fire.** An estimated 40 residents were displaced following a March 12 fire at the Vizcaya Apartments in Santa Maria which damaged 9 units and left a woman and a firefighter with minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.keyt.com/news/40-left-homeless-following-santa-maria-apartment-fire/31768924>

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